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A Penny for your Thoughts

The Pennies photographer got a bit curious about the Christmas shopping habits of local teenagers, so he asked, "How do you go about doing your Christmas shopping?"

Janis Bainer, 2516 Lesserman St.:
"Usually I get my money for Christmas shopping from my grandparents. My friends and I shop together, trying to select useful gifts. After all of my efforts, I usually just give everyone five dollars and a card."

Gretchen Staff, 809 Felbar Ave.:
"During the Christmas season, I work full time after school at Galen Kamp's Shoes. The money I earn goes for my gifts to my family and friends. Even though I start shopping early, I am usually with many others in the last minute rush."

Steve Mahoney, 3006 Antonio St.:
"My Christmas money comes from a job that I have after school at Harbor General Hospital. I shop for my immediate family and my girl friend. All my shopping is done on my own, but I'm always open for suggestions."

Sandy Wilson, 808 Teri Ave.:
"I do my Christmas shopping about a week before Christmas. I organize my shopping according to my money. First I buy the most expensive gift and take it from there. My money comes from work at home and babysitting. I think all kids should work for their money and get what they deserve."

Karen Lucas, 25110 Eshelman Ave.:
"I usually get some money from my parents and what I make from babysitting. I buy my gifts either on weekends or I will take part of the vacation to shop, or I give some excuse on how I didn't have enough money to buy presents."

Foes Pledge New Battles On Cityhood

The latest move to incorporate Lomita took a new turn this week as the proponents of incorporation announced they had filed petitions representing nearly 45 per cent of the area's property owners and valuation.

At the same time, opponents said they planned to begin circulating their own petitions. The group, the Committee Opposing Incorporation, will seek to halt further proceedings by submitting petitions representing at least 51 per cent of the area's property owners.

Mrs. May W. Ross, secretary of the committee, said the filing of the petitions to call an election had not changed any plans the opponents have made.

SHE ADDED the committee believes that it can secure the signatures of owners of 51 per cent of the assessed valuation of Lomita without much trouble. Mrs. Ross cited the recent death of Carson cityhood hopes, and added, "Both areas are similar. Both lack sufficient industry for an adequate tax base."

Signatures on the petition favoring incorporation will be checked, and a boundary hearing date will be set by the Board of Supervisors if they are sufficient for an election.

THE LARGEST of the permits was issued to William Leader for construction of a 32-unit apartment at 20602 Anza Ave. The permit was valued at \$401,880.

November's activity brought the number of new dwelling units in Torrance to 3,271. Of the total, 698 are single family homes, and 2,573 apartment units. Expectations that construction might top \$60 million for the year were dealt a blow by the November figures. December is traditionally a light month for construction.

Students Cheer Hospital Ward

Students of the Psychology Club at Harbor College will present the third annual Christmas program for the 125 members of the women's ward at the Metropolitan Hospital in Norwalk.

Featured will be short skits by the drama department and musical selections. Mike Hammond, club president, will dress as Santa Claus and distribute gifts. Refreshments will follow.

City Seeks Building Halt For Victor Zoning Study

City Councilmen will make an attempt to halt construction in an area bounded by Victor and Garnet Streets and Victor Park Tuesday evening, pending a restudy of the zoning of the area by the Planning Commission.

The council directed the restudy be made at last week's meeting, but a motion directing City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier to prepare an emergency ordinance failed to qualify as an emergency by one vote.



NATIVITY SCENE... Members of the South Bay Church of God, 17661 Yukon Ave., will present a pageant of the nativity scene at the church each night until Dec. 23. The presentation, to be narrated by the pastor of the church, will be accompanied by music from the church choir. The annual presentation is open to the public. Presentations will be made each night at 7 p.m., and again at 8 p.m. (Story on Page 3)

One Street Keeps Crews Busy Enough

Crumpled fenders, rampant on a sea of autos, was the badge of a score of Torrance motorists Friday as city police logged 21 reportable accidents within a 24-hour period. The fact that it was Friday the 13th wasn't blamed—it was the fact that the city's streets were jammed with holiday shoppers.

At one time Friday evening, police answered calls to three injury accidents within a period of 35 minutes along auto-jammed Hawthorne Ave. None of the victims was injured seriously, according to police reports.

EARLIER in the day, a Malibu man was arrested after he was involved in a five-car accident at Sepulveda and Hickory Avenue. Police jailed Robert P. Sherman, 33, after his car collided with one driven by Lance N. Mearing, 23, of 22503 Linda Drive. Mearing was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital with painful face injuries. Also injured in the crash was Mark Herron, 31, of Santa Monica. He was treated at the hospital and released. Three cars parked along Hickory Avenue were struck by the colliding vehicles.

TAKEN TO Little Company of Mary Hospital after a 6:44 p.m. crash Friday was Lea Beatrice LeBlanc, 56, of 1928 Reynosa Drive. She was injured when her car and one driven by William Stanley Button, 19, of 21710 Anza Ave., collided on Hawthorne Avenue. (Continued on Page 3)

Float Fund Still Short, Leaders Say

More than \$3,000 remains to be raised in order to finance the Torrance entry in the annual Tournament of Roses, reports Robert Vroman, chairman of the Torrance Tournament of Roses Assn.

Vroman urged individual residents and firms to mail contributions to the float fund as soon as possible. Contributions should be sent to the Torrance Tournament of Roses Assn., care of the Chamber of Commerce.

"This year's float is by far the largest we have entered," said Vroman, "and if we can raise sufficient money to finance construction, it will be one of the most beautiful." The float is 40 feet long, and will be covered with 150,000 chrysanthemums, 1,500 roses 200 orchids, and a great number of gladioli.

THE CHAIRMAN expressed sincere thanks to the companies, residents, homeowners (Continued on Page 3)

Hammer Bandit Takes \$100 Cash From Man

A hammer-carrying bandit fled the Hollywood Riviera section of Torrance early Thursday morning after threatening the life of his victim if he turned around.

Curtis H. Parsons, 49, of 201 Vista Del Sol, told Torrance officers the bandit got about \$100. Parsons said he had just pulled up in front of his driveway and was about to unlock the trunk of the car when the man grabbed him from behind.

Parsons told police the man first asked him the location of a street which he had never heard of, then grabbed him before he could turn around. Forcing a hammer against Parsons' head, the bandit told him, "Don't turn around, and if you say anything, I'll come back and kill your family."

The man then ordered Parsons to empty his pockets. He fled the scene with \$100 in cash. The incident occurred about 4:30 a.m.

Torrance police reported they are working with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, which reported a similar incident in Lomita.

The sheriff's department reported it was working on a case involving the theft of about \$30 from Ernest Sagahon, 38, of Redondo Beach. Sagahon told officers he was stopped by a man carrying a hammer after he had parked his car in the lot adjoining a Lomita restaurant.

School Trustees Convene Monday

Trustees of the Torrance Unified School District will convene tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the board room at the District Office.

Deadlines Move For Holidays

Because the offices of the HERALD will be closed on Christmas Day and again on New Year's Day, advertising and editorial copy deadlines for the issues of Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 have been advanced 24 hours. This schedule will obtain during the two-week period beginning Dec. 23. Publication deadlines will return to normal following New Year's Day. Publication dates will not be changed.

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FOR THE YOUNGSTERS... With Santa Claus providing the background, these members of the Torrance High Medical Careers Club begin to pack the toys which they have collected on campus into big boxes for transportation to Children's Orthopaedic Hospital. Sandy Wilson, Gretchen Staff, and Steve Mahoney will join other student members of the club to take the toys to the hospital Tuesday. There, they will distribute them to the youngsters. (Herald Photo)

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